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Sir:

During a review of the "RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION" filed September 7, 2006, it was observed that a statement in the REMARKS was only partially accurate.

On page 2, third full paragraph, last sentence, the statement is made: "It should be noted that the second pass weld is usually termed a 'dry wash' because it involves fusion welding over the first weld without using a filler metal."

The underlined portion is slightly inaccurate in that a filler metal may be added to a limited extent without re-consuming or melting the original first weld pass.

The examiner is requested to take this into account when considering the remarks of Applicant's attorney

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